various categories of the population and for various sectors of economic development. Govt, is of the view that nuclear energy can play an important role in this regard. While pursuing this objective Govt, will also see to it that all that is necessary is done to ensure safety and avoidance of hazards that have been cause of public concern.

Nuclear power has been cost effective in this country, in fact, the commercial rate of selling nuclear electricity various from about 46 p|KWh to 59 p|KWh. Thesei are calculated on the basis of investments made and their normal rate of return.

Violation of German Laws in IIDW Submarine deal

1553. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the 'Hindustan Times' dated 15th June, 1990 that the Chairman of the German Parliamentary Submarine Inquiry Committee, Mr. Friendrich Bohl had said that no indication was there regarding violation of German Laws in regard to HDW Submarine deal with India;

(b) whether it was also mentioned that if there was any indication of the commission having been paid to the agents, it was up to the public prosecutor to investigate into it; and

(c) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE RAJA RAMANNA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Efforts are being made through diplomatic channels to obtain a copy of the judgement delivered by the High Court in Kiel, which has been classified "Secret" by them. As regards the allegations of payment of commission by Ml|s HDW in respect of the Indian Navy's SSK Submarine contract, the matter is presently under investigation by the C.B.I, who have registered a Regular Case No. RC 1 (A) |90-ACu(I)| New Delhi on 5 March, 1990.

Sanction *to* Kaushabati project in West Bengal

1554. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUP TA: Will the Minister of ENVIRON MENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Environment and Forests has given sanction to IKaushabati project in West Bengal; and

(ib) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NILAMANI ROUTRAY); (a) and (b) No, Sir. Kaushabati project has not yet been referred to the Ministry for consideration.

Poverty line in India

1555. SHRI S.K.T. RAMACHAND RAN; Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the percentage of popula tion below poverty line in India during the year 1985-86 to 1989-90;

(b) what is the line of demarcation of poverty in terms of per capita income;

(c) what is the trend of growth or decline of poverty in India from 1985 to 1990;

(d) what steps are taken to eradicate poverty;

(e) whether Government propose to introduce schemes to provide employment to all unemployed and under-employed; it so, what steps have been taken by Government so far; and

(f) what is the *per capita* income in rural areas at present and what **is** the *per capita* income in Urban areas in India?